

Women Council Members
City of Charleston, South Carolina

The 1783 charter of the City of Charleston provided for a form of government that generally existed in cities during the colonial era. From 1783 to 1808, the city was divided into thirteen wards, each represented by a warden elected annually; the intendant was elected from the wardens. The city elected wardens and intendants until 1836. The city elected a mayor and aldermen from 1836 through 1975. The city has elected a mayor and council members from 1975 to the present. Eleven women have held the office of alderman or city council member in the city's 231-year history as an incorporated body.

[Clelia Peronneau McGowan](#)

Ward One, 1924-1927

Belizant A. Moorer

Ward Eleven, 1924-1927

Mary S. Utsey

Ward Eleven, 1960-1967

Hilda Hutchinson-Jefferson (African American)

District Four, 1975-1998

Brenda Scott (African American)

District Six, 1975-1998

Mary Ader

District Nine, 1975-1997

Esther H. Tecklenburg

District Eight, 1980-1984

Yvonne Evans

District Eight, 1990-2010

Anne Frances Bleecker

District Eleven, 2000-2008

Deb Morinelli

District Two, 2002-2010

[Kathleen Wilson](#)

District Twelve, 2006 – Current